

Pollution on sea-beaches

†1416. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing pollution on sea-beaches in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The steps taken by the Government to check pollution on sea-beaches and coastal waters include:

- (i) Issuing of the the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which prohibits setting up of industries, processes and operations in Coastal Regulation Zone and regulates discharge of effluents and municipal sewage.
- (ii) Enacting the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which lays down standards for discharge of effluents.
- (iii) Setting up of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Coastal Zone Management Authorities of Coastal States and Union Territories under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for enforcement of the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 and to take necessary action against the violators.
- (iv) Enacting the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 which regulates discharge of effluents.
- (v) Setting up of the Aquaculture Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to regulate aquaculture activities in coastal areas.
- (vi) Funding of schemes for setting up of sewage treatment plants in some coastal towns of West Bengal.

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- (vii) The Central Pollution Control Board has issued notices to all the Coastal State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees of the Union Territories to regulate discharge of untreated sewage/effluents.

Environmental schemes in H.P.

1417. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what schemes have been taken up by the Government in Himachal Pradesh for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in the State, during the last two years; and

(b) what is the amount provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The schemes taken up by the Government of India for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in Himachal Pradesh, during the last two years and the amount provided in this regard is given in the Statement.

Statement

Scheme-wise amount provided by Govt, for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in Himachal Pradesh

(Rs. in Lakhs)

s. No.	Name of the Scheme during the last two years	Amount released
1	2	3
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	212.76
2.	Eco Development Project	
3.	Modern Forests Fire Control Methods	152.84
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco	63.36
5.	Development Project	116.83
	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	314.74